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SUBJ: HWAR ISLAND DISPUTE: PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO QATAR

REF: DOHA 1184, MANAMA 1797

1. DURING NOV 13 CONVERSATION WITH DR HASSAN KAMEL, AMIR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, WE ASKED WHETHER HWAR ISLAND DISPUTE CAME UP DURING NOV 8-9 VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD TO QATAR. (KAMEL PREPARED GOQ POSITION PAPER ON DISPUTE WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO SAUDIS LAST SPRING.)
 2. KAMEL SAID THAT AMIR HAD TOLD HIM VERY CRYPTICALLY AFTER HIS MEETINGS WITH FAHD THAT HE, THE AMIR, WAS HOPEFUL THAT THERE WOULD BE "SOME CHANGE" IN STATUS OF HWAR. ACCORDING KAMEL, AMIR DID NOT CLARIFY OR ELABORATE ON THESE REMARKS.
 3. KAMEL SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS PUZZLED BY THIS VAGUENESS, SINCE IN HIS VIEW QATARI SOVEREIGNTY OVER HWAR IS EITHER RECOGNIZED OR NOT RECOGNIZED, HE DID NOT PUT IT BEYOND BEDOUIN
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MINDS ENGAGED ON PROBLEM TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF FUZZY

SOLUTION THAT WOULD SATISFY CONTENDERS. KAMEL WARNED, HOWEVER,
THAT HVAR ISSUE WAS
E WHICH DID HAVE MEANING TO QATARI
POPULATION AT LARGE AND ANY INDICATION THAT GOQ COMPROMISING
ITS CLAIMS WOULD SPELL TROUBLE FOR THE AMIR.
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